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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: POSSIBLE ENTRY OF FRG INTO OUTER SPACE

COMMITTEE AND ENLARGED SEABED COMMITTEE

1. DR CORNEL METTERNICH, COUNSELLOR, FRG OBSERVER OFFICE, TOLD MCINTYRE, US REP TO DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE WG, THAT FRG WILL WISH ENTER OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE (OSC) AFTER FRG' S ENTRY INTO THE UN. HE SAID FRG WOULD STRONGLY FAVOR TRANSFORMING UN SEABED COMMITTEE INTO A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IF IT OR ITS SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION WERE TO HOLD A SESSION IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF LOS CONFERENCE.

2. HE SAID HE EXPECTED THAT GDR WOULD ALSO WISH TO ENTER OSC, AND THAT THE ADMISSION OF THE TWO GERMANIES INTO THE OSC WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY REQUIRE ADDING ADDITIONAL MEMBERS FROM ASIA, AFRICA, AND LA AS WELL. METTERNICH SAID THAT FRG HAS ABANDONED ITS EARLIER IDEA THAT IN JOINING UN
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COMMITTEES FRG SHOULD MOVE IN PARALLEL WITH GDR. THEIR VIEW IS NOW THAT BOTH GERMANIES SHOULD TAKE THEIR ACTIONS INDEPENDENTLY.

3. REGARDING LAW OF THE SEA, FRG RECOGNIZED IT WAS COMPLETELY IMPRACTICAL TO TRY TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE U. N. SEABED COMMITTEE IN TIME FOR THIS SUMMER' S SESSION IN GENEVA, BUT WOULD WORK AT UNGA THIS FALL TO ENSURE THAT IF GA DECIDES ON SOME SORT OF COMMITTEE (OR OTHER) SESSION BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND SUBSTANTIVE PHASES OF THE LOS CONFERENCE, THE FRG WOULD BE A MEMBER. SPECIFICALLY IN THE EVENT OF THE UNGA PLANNING AN ADDITIONAL MEETING FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY- MARCH 1974 FRG WOULD WORK TO ENSURE THAT IT WOULD BE A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, THUS GUARANTEEING THEIR OWN ATTENDANCE. THIS WAS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE GDR SHOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY OBTAINING A SEAT SINCE THE FRG EXPECTS THEM TO FILL THE ONE LEFT VACANT, PRESUMABLY FOR ALBANIA, IN THE EE QUOTA OF SEATS.

4. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL IMPORTANCE WE HAVE ATTACHED TO MAINTAINING THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE AT ITS LIMITED SIZE OF 28, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO WORK FOR GERMAN (AND POSSIBLE CHINESE) MEMBERSHIP

IN THE OSC WITHOUT THIS BEING TAKEN AS A BASIS FOR ITS GENERAL EXPANSION.
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